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SUBJECT: SOVIET TREATMENT OF U.S. CORRESPONDENTS

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1. THE CHARGE THAT AP STAFFER GEORGE KRIMSKY GAVE SERIES D COUPONS TO A SOVIET CITIZEN UNAUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE THEM, I.E., TO HIS MAID, RECEIVED A NEW TWIST JANUARY 27. AP BUREAU CHIEF DAVID MASON WAS CALLED TO UPDK TO HEAR FROM DEPUTY CHIEF OF PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT PAROYATNIKOV THAT KRIMSKY HAD NEVER COMPLETED A PROPER WORK CONTRACT THROUGH UPDK FOR HIRE OF HIS MAID. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO SOVIET LAW SHE WAS NOT RPT NOT LEGALLY WORKING FOR HIM AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GIVEN SERIES D COUPONS.

2. MASON HAD NOT KNOWN THAT KRIMSKY AND HIS MAID HAD NOT EXECUTED AN UPDK WORK CONTRACT, AND HE SAID SO. HE THEN NOTED THAT NONE OF THE CORRESPONDENTS HAD HEARD OF MORE THAN AN ANCIENT "VERBAL ASSURANCE" LEGITIMIZING THE LONGSTANDING PRACTICE OF REMUNERATING SOVIET CITIZEN-EMPLOYEES IN PART WITH SERIES D COUPONS. ALL NOW FELT LEGALLY UNDER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUN. PAROYATNIKOV EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE SITUATION WAS AS MASON DESCRIBED IT, THEN PROMISED THAT ALL CONCERNED WOULD RECEIVE AN UPDK DOCUMENT AUTHORIZING THE PRESENT PRACTICE.

3. JANUARY 28 KRIMSKY CALLED PAROYATNIKOV, APOLOGIZED FOR HIS INADVERTENT TECHNICAL ERROR AND EMPHASIZED HIS

READINESS TO EXECUTE A PROPER CONTRACT WITH HIS MAID.
KRIMSKY REFUSES TO BE OPTIMISTIC, BUT REPORTS HIS IMPRESSION
THAT, ON HEARING THIS, PAROYATNIKOV SOUNDED "UPBEAT."

4. MASON MEANWHILE HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN SCHEDULING AN
APPOINTMENT WITH SOFINSKY, WHO IS REPORTED TO BE ILL.
MASON IS ASKED TO CALL BACK NEXT WEEK.

5. FYI: KRIMSKY'S MAID HAD BEEN IN HIS EMPLOY FOR A YEAR,
SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF HER PREVIOUS EMPLOYER, AN ITALIAN
CORRESPONDENT WHO LIVED IN THE SAME BUILDING. TOON

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